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WSP Partners with RCMP on Seat Belt Safety Campaign

On Monday, May 15, the WSP and the Canadian RCMP kicked off their seat belt safety campaign at the Peace Arch border crossing. Pamphlets that explained the seat belt emphasis were handed out to motorists as they crossed the border in both directions. Both the WSP and RCMP will be holding seat belt emphasis patrols thru June 3 in an attempt to get all motorists to buckle up. "This is an excellent example of how law enforcement agencies from two different countries are teaming up to address a traffic issue that effects both countries", Captain Jim Lever stated. "We know that seat belt usage saves lives and that's why the WSP along with the RCMP strongly enforce the seat belt law."

Since the passage of the seat belt law as a primary violation, Washington State has seen it's seat belt compliance rate rise to over 95 %. "Our goal is to save lives and reduce collisions", Captain Lever stated. "As the compliance rate increases, so do the number of lives saved".

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